

Privatisation of steel plants

1111. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are intending to privatise steel plants in the country within a specific time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the workers of steel plants will be affected by this privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Condition of Chakma Tribe

1112. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Chakma tribe in various States in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware of the sacrifices made by the Chakmas in the freedom movement and in fight against insurgency; and

(c) how do Government feel about the living conditions of the Chakmas and the steps taken to improve their condition?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Diversion of funds meant for tribal welfare

1113. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allocated for tribal welfare are being diverted for other purposes;

(b) if so, which are the States that are diverting funds allocated for tribal welfare; and

(c) the steps Government contemplate or propose to contemplate to stop such diversion of funds?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) In the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year